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# CEQA Initial Study - Environmental Checklist Form (Based on the State CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G Rev. 10/04)

1. Project Number/Environmental Log Number/Title:

L-15206/ER 07-01-004; Elder L-Grade Agricultural Grading Permit

2. Lead agency name and address:

County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92123-1666

- 3. a. Contact: Jarrett Ramaiya, Environmental Planner III
  - b. Phone number: (858) 694-3015
  - c. E-mail: Jarrrett.Ramaiya@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- 4. Project location:

The proposed project is located at 39693 Calle De Luz Road near the intersection of Jones Road in the Fallbrook Community Plan area of an unincorporated area of the County of San Diego; APN 101-562-07-00.

Thomas Brothers Coordinates: Page 996, Grid H/2

5. Project Applicant name and address:

Wayne and Carol Elders, 40401A De Luz Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028

6. General Plan Designation

Community Plan: Pendleton-De Luz
Land Use Designation: 17 (Estate Residential)

Density: 1 du/0.5 acre

7. Zoning

Use Regulation: A70 (Limited Agricultural)

Minimum Lot Size: 2 acres Special Area Regulation: None

### 8. Description of project:

The project is an Agricultural L-grading permit to expand an existing agricultural operation. The project site is located at 39693 Calle De Luz Road in the Fallbrook Community Plan area (Pendleton-De Luz area), within unincorporated San Diego County. The site is subject to the General Plan Regional Category (17) Estate Residential with a Land Use Designation EDA (Estate Development Area). Zoning for the site is A-70 (Limited Agricultural) with a minimum lot size of 2 acres. The project consists of cut and fill of 9,200 cubic yards of soil with no import/export. The site is subject to a Code Enforcement violation for unpermitted grading activities within a 0.6 acre area, and this proposed application is a response to that citation. The site contains an active orchard along with undisturbed vegetation. Access would be provided by an existing unimproved driveway connecting to Calle De Luz Road.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

Lands surrounding the project site are used for single family residential and agricultural uses. The topography of the project site and adjacent land is rolling hills with residential and agricultural development. Lands to the north and west are vacant with chaparral vegetation. The site is located within 10 miles of Interstate 5.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

Permit Type/Action	Agency
Grading Permit	County of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** The environmental factors

impac	ct that is a "Potentially Sig	gnificant Impact" or a	project and involve at least one "Less Than Significant With st on the following pages.		
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	ERMINATION: e basis of this initial eval	uation:			
	On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Planning and Land Use finds that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.				
	On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Planning and Land Use finds that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.				
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			May 1, 2008		
Signa	ture		Date		
	t Ramaiya		Environmental Planner III		
Printe	ed Name		Title		

#### INSTRUCTIONS ON EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as
  on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as
  well as operational impacts.
- 3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4. "Potential Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level.
- 5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7. The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

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valued highwa Jarrett from a project miles n	<b>No Impact:</b> Scenic vistas are singular vantage points that offer unobstructed views of valued viewsheds, including areas designated as official scenic vistas along major highways or County designated visual resources. Based on a review completed by Jarrett Ramaiya on August 9, 2007, the proposed project is not located near or visible from a scenic vista and will not change the composition of an existing scenic vista. The project site is located approximately 10 miles west of Interstate 15 and approximately 10 miles north of Interstate 5. No scenic vistas are within the project area. Therefore, the proposed project will not have any substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista.				
,	Substantially damage scenic resoutcroppings, and historic buildi			ding, but not limited to, trees, rock tate scenic highway?	
	Potentially Significant Impact		]	Less than Significant Impact	

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Discussion/Explanation:

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Less Than Significant With Mitigation

**No Impact:** State scenic highways refer to those highways that are officially designated. A scenic highway is officially designated as a State scenic highway when the local jurisdiction adopts a scenic corridor protection program, applies to the California Department of Transportation for scenic highway approval, and receives notification from Caltrans that the highway has been designated as an official Scenic Highway. Based on a review completed by Jarrett Ramaiya on August 9, 2007, the proposed project is not located near or visible within the same composite viewshed as a State scenic highway and will not change the visual composition of an existing scenic resource within a State scenic highway. Generally, the area defined within a State scenic highway is the land adjacent to and visible from the vehicular right-of-way. The dimension of a scenic highway is usually identified using a motorist's line of vision, but a reasonable boundary is selected when the view extends to the distant horizon. The project site is located approximately 10 miles west of Interstate 15 and approximately 10 miles north of Interstate 5. The project site is not visible from nor to Interstate 15. Therefore, the proposed project will not have any substantial adverse effect on a scenic resource within a State scenic highway.

No Impact

,	Substantially degrade the existing visual surroundings?	chara	acter or quality of the site and its			
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	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact			
Discus	sion/Explanation:					
visible the pat discuss viewer and ex site and The pro orchard charac agricul	Less Than Significant Impact: Visual character is the objective composition of the visible landscape within a viewshed. Visual character is based on the organization of the pattern elements line, form, color, and texture. Visual character is commonly discussed in terms of dominance, scale, diversity and continuity. Visual quality is the viewer's perception of the visual environment and varies based on exposure, sensitivity and expectation of the viewers. The existing visual character and quality of the project site and surrounding can be characterized as single family residential and agricultural.  The proposed project is an L-grading plan to permit proposed agriculture (avocado orchard). The project is compatible with the existing visual environment's visual character and quality for the following reasons: The proposed project is for an agricultural use which would compliment the surrounding natural topography which is characterized by rolling hills. Similar agricultural uses are located to the east and south					
the ent viewsh compre located cumula an avo Therefo	oject will not result in cumulative impacts ire existing viewshed and a list of past, ped were evaluated. Refer to XVII. Mand whensive list of the projects considered. It within the viewshed surrounding the project impact for the following reasons: The cado orchard, which is similar to surrounding, the project will not result in any advectionance or quality on-site or in the surrounding the surrounding the project will not result in any advectionance.	oresen atory Those oject a e proje ding u	t and future projects within that Findings of Significance for a e projects listed in Section XVII are and will not contribute to a ect proposes an agricultural use as uses toward the east and south. roject or cumulative level effect on			
,	Create a new source of substantial light day or nighttime views in the area?	or gla	re, which would adversely affect			
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact			

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**No Impact:** The project does not propose any outdoor lighting or any building materials with highly reflective properties such as highly reflective glass or high-gloss surface colors. Therefore, the project will not create any new sources of light pollution that could contribute to skyglow, light trespass or glare and that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in area.

## II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:

a)	l t	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmlamportance (Important Farmland), as she Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Fagency, or other agricultural resources,	own c Progra	on the maps prepared pursuant to m of the California Resources
	]	Potentially Significant Impact	$\checkmark$	Less than Significant Impact
	]	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact
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agrico Prime show Progo on-go Farm	ulto n o ar oin lar	han Significant Impact: Although the pural resources (avocado orchard), the starmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland on the maps prepared pursuant to the Fin of the California Resources Agency. g agricultural use. Therefore, no agricultural Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Start to a non-agricultural use.	ite do d of S armla In ad iltural	es not contain lands designated as Statewide or Local Importance as and Mapping and Monitoring dition, the proposed project is for resources including Prime
b)	(	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultu	ıral us	e, or a Williamson Act contract?
	]	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
	]	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact
Discı	199	sion/Explanation:		

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project site is zoned A70 (Limited Agricultural), which is considered to be an agricultural zone. However, the proposed project will not to result in a conflict in zoning for agricultural use, because the proposed agricultural use is a permitted use in A70 zones and will not create a conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use. Additionally, the project site's land is not under a Williamson Act Contract. Therefore, there will be no conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract.

c)	1	nvolve other changes in the existing en- nature, could result in conversion of Imp resources, to non-agricultural use?		
		Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The surrounding area of the project site within a radius of three miles has agricultural uses. As a result, the proposed project was reviewed by Jarrett Ramaiya, Agricultural Specialist, and was determined not to have significant adverse impacts related to the conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance or active agricultural operations to a nonagricultural use for the following reasons: Surrounding active agricultural operations consist of avocado and/or citrus orchards which commonly operate among residential uses and create minimal land use conflicts due to the nature of agriculture. Active agricultural operations in the surrounding area are already interspersed with single family residential uses and the proposed use would not significantly change the existing land uses in the area, resulting in a change that could convert agricultural operations to a non-agricultural use. In addition, the proposed project is for continued agricultural use of the property. Therefore, no potentially significant project or cumulative level conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, or Farmland of Local Importance to a non-agricultural use will occur as a result of this project.

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applical	<b>QUALITY</b> Where available, ble air quality management or an efollowing determinations. We	ir pollutio	n con	trol district may be relied upon to
				San Diego Regional Air Quality State Implementation Plan (SIP)?
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Discuss	sion/Explanation:			
anticipa Operati pollutar as iden not exp consiste	on of the project will not result into the listed in the California Ambientified by the California Air Resolected to conflict with either the	ions used n emission ent Air Qua urces Boa RAQS or tions used	in dens of ality stard. A the Start	evelopment of the RAQS and SIP. significant quantities of criteria Standards or toxic air contaminants As such, the proposed project is SIP. In addition, the project is ne RAQS and SIP, therefore, the
•	Violate any air quality standard orojected air quality violation?	or contribu	ute sı	ubstantially to an existing or
	Potentially Significant Impact		V	Less than Significant Impact

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Less Than Significant With Mitigation

Less Than Significant Impact: The project proposes an avocado orchard. However, grading operations associated with the construction of the project would be subject to County of San Diego Grading Ordinance, which requires the implementation of dust control measures. Emissions from the construction phase would be minimal and localized, resulting in pollutant emissions below the screening-level criteria established by SDAPCD Rule 20.2 and by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) CEQA Air Quality Handbook section 6.2 and 6.3. In addition, the vehicle trips generated from the project will not result in any Average Daily Trips (ADTs). According to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District CEQA Guidelines for Assessing the Air Quality Impacts of Projects and Plans, projects that generate less than 2,000 ADT are below the Screening-Level Criteria established by SDAPCD Rule 20.2 and by the SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook section 6.2 and 6.3 for criteria

No Impact

pollutants. As such, the project will not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.

In general, air quality impacts from land use projects are the result of emissions from motor vehicles, and from short-term construction activities associated with such projects. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) has established screening-level criteria for all new source review (NSR) in APCD Rule 20.2. For CEQA purposes, these screening-level criteria can be used as numeric methods to demonstrate that a project's total emissions (e.g. stationary and fugitive emissions, as well as emissions from mobile sources) would not result in a significant impact to air quality. Since APCD does not have screening-level criteria for emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), the use of the screening level for reactive organic compounds (ROC) from the CEQA Air Quality Handbook for the South Coast Air Basin (SCAB), which has stricter standards for emissions of ROCs/VOCs than San Diego's, is appropriate. However, the eastern portions of the county have atmospheric conditions that are characteristic of the Southeast Desert Air Basin (SEDAB). SEDAB is not classified as an extreme non-attainment area for ozone and therefore has a less restrictive screening-level. Projects located in the eastern portions of the County can use the SEDAB screening-level threshold for VOCs.

c)	\ 6	Result in a cumulatively considerable newhich the project region is non-attainme ambient air quality standard (including requantitative thresholds for ozone precur	nt und eleasii	der an applicable federal or state ng emissions which exceed
		Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

Less Than Significant Impact: Air quality emissions associated with the project include emissions of PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs from construction/grading activities, and VOCs as the result of increase of traffic from operations at the facility. However, grading operations associated with the construction of the project would be subject to County of San Diego Grading Ordinance, which requires the implementation of dust control measures. Emissions from the construction phase would be minimal and localized, resulting in PM<sub>10</sub> and VOC emissions below the screening-level criteria established by SDAPCD Rule 20.2 and by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) CEQA air quality handbook section 6.2 and 6.3. The vehicle trips generated from the project will not result in any Average Daily Trips (ADTs). According to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District CEQA Guidelines for Assessing the Air Quality Impacts of Projects and Plans, projects that generate less than 2,000 ADT are below the Screening-Level Criteria established by SDAPCD Rule 20.2 and by the SCAQMD CEQA air quality handbook section 6.2 and 6.3 for VOCs and PM<sub>10</sub>.

In addition, a list of past, present and future projects within the surrounding area were evaluated and none of these projects emit significant amounts of criteria pollutants. Refer to XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance for a comprehensive list of the projects considered. The proposed project as well as the past, present and future projects within the surrounding area, have emissions below the screening-level criteria established by SDAPCD Rule 20.2 and by the SCAQMD CEQA air quality handbook section 6.2 and 6.3, therefore, the construction and operational emissions associated with the proposed project are not expected to create a cumulatively considerable impact nor a considerable net increase of PM10, or any O<sub>3</sub> precursors.

San Diego County is presently in non-attainment for the 1-hour concentrations under the California Ambient Air Quality Standard (CAAQS) for Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>). San Diego County is also presently in non-attainment for the annual geometric mean and for the 24-hour concentrations of Particulate Matter less than or equal to 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>) under the CAAQS. O<sub>3</sub> is formed when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) react in the presence of sunlight. VOC sources include any source that burns fuels (e.g., gasoline, natural gas, wood, oil); solvents; petroleum processing and storage; and pesticides. Sources of PM<sub>10</sub> in both urban and rural areas include: motor vehicles, wood burning stoves and fireplaces, dust from construction, landfills, agriculture, wildfires, brush/waste burning, and industrial sources of windblown dust from open lands.

d)

d)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantia	al poll	utant concentrations?			
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact			
No Impresents SCAQ project emissi	Discussion/Explanation:  No Impact: Based a review conducted by Jarrett Ramaiya on August 9, 2007, sensitive receptors have not been identified within a quarter-mile (the radius determined by the SCAQMD in which the dilution of pollutants is typically significant) of the proposed project. Furthermore, no point-source emissions of air pollutants (other than vehicle emissions) are associated with the project. As such, the project will not expose sensitive populations to excessive levels of air pollutants.					
Grade)	ality regulators typically define sensitive in the last of the las	y-care	e centers, or other facilities that may			
e)	Create objectionable odors affecting a s	ubsta	ntial number of people?			
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact			

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	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	n		No Impact
Discuss	sion/Explanation:			
Less Than Significant Impact: The project could produce objectionable odors, which would result from ongoing agricultural uses, volatile organic compounds, ammonia, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, methane, alcohols, aldehydes, amines, carbonyls, esters, disulfides dust and endotoxins from the implementation and operational phases of the agricultural orchard. However, these substances, if present at all, would only be in trace amounts (less that 1 μg/m³). Subsequently, no significant air quality – odor impacts are expected to affect surrounding receptors. Moreover, the affects of objectionable odors are localized to the immediate surrounding area and will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable odor. A list of past, present and future projects within the surrounding area were evaluated and none of these projects create objectionable odors. Refer to XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance for a comprehensive list of the projects considered.  IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES Would the project:  a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in				
	Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wild	_		s, or by the California Department of vice?
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	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	n		No Impact
Discuss	sion/Explanation:			
grading chaparr Septem approximal of orcha	permit pursuant to a grading violation al. Biological surveys were conduct ber 2007. Prior to the unauthorized mately 6.8 acres of granitic southernards, and approximately 1.3 acres of the removal of approximate 0.6 acres the removal of approximate 0.6 acres in the second se	ed gra mi de	of 0.6 by Cu ading, ixed c evelop	acre of granitic southern mixed ummings and Associates in the project site contained chaparral, approximately 2.4 acres ment. This agricultural permit

The 0.6 acre of granitic southern mixed chaparral was graded between 2005 and 2006 (located along the western central portion of the property) and potentially served a limited number of sensitive plant, bird, and small mammal species because this portion was relatively small and was surrounded by existing agricultural operations/orchards to the south, northeast, and east. The purchase of off site chaparral within a County-

that was graded in excess and planted with citrus and avocado trees. In addition, the 2.4 acres of orchards have been historically used for avocados, citrus, and shrubby flower fields from the early 1970s through 2005 as reported by the property owners.

approved mitigation bank would mitigate for the permanent impacts to habitat and contribute to the preservation of large blocks of habitat that will support the survival and recovery of listed species.

Pursuant to this agricultural grading permit, the 0.6 acre of impact will be mitigated through the purchase of 0.3 acre of chaparral credits located at the Daley Ranch Conservation Bank. The project would mitigate off site through the preservation of large blocks of habitat rather then an on site open space easement of 0.3 acre of chaparral that would be surrounded by agricultural operations to the south, northeast, and east. In addition, the purchase of off-site habitat credits will mitigate for the permanent loss of habitat and contribute to regional habitat preservation.

Therefore, staff has determined that although the site supported 6.8 acres of native biological habitat reduced to 6.2 acres, implementation of the mitigation measure described above will ensure that removal of this habitat will not result in substantial adverse effects, or have a cumulatively considerable impact to species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on an natural community identified in local or r the California Department of Fish and G	egion	al plans, policies, regulations or by
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated: The site contains one sensitive natural community under the Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) process, granitic southern mixed chaparral. Although the clearing activity reduced the value of this habitat within the local area, the habitat loss will be mitigated through the off purchase of chaparral habitat at a 0.5:1 ratio.

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As deta	As detailed in response a) above, impacts to sensitive natural communities are						
conside	considered less than significant through the off site mitigation purchase of 0.3 acre of						
chaparr	ral.						
, s	Have a substantial adverse effect or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act bool, coastal, etc.) through direct repother means?	(including	g, but not limited to, marsh, vernal				
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact				
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December 4, 2008 propose Clean V water o	ber 6, 2007 and as supported by the and prepared by Cummings and A ed project site does not contain any Nater Act, including, but not limited of the U.S. Therefore, no impacts we clean Water Act in which the Army Contain Water Act in which the Army Contain Water Act in which the Army Contain Water Act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the Army Contains we water Act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains which we want to be a supported by the act in which the Army Contains we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a supported by the act in which we want to be a s	e Biologic ssociates wetlands to, marsh ill occur to	cal Resources Report dated January s, it has been determined that the s as defined by Section 404 of the n, vernal pool, stream, lake, river or o wetlands defined by Section 404				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fis or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?							
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact				
	Less Than Significant With Mitigat Incorporated	ion 🗆	No Impact				
Discuss	sion/Explanation:						

Less than Significant Impact: The northern portion of the project site supports granitic southern mixed chaparral and continues extensively off site to the north and west. The 0.6 acre of granitic southern mixed chaparral that was permanently impacted on site is a portion of habitat that was surrounded by orchards to the south, northeast,

and east. The habitat to the north, northwest, and west is connected to vast areas of vacant and undeveloped land. The grading activity directly impacted 0.6 acre of granitic southern mixed chaparral within the western central portion of the property, that extended into the orchards to the east and south.

In a regional context, the 0.6 acre of granitic southern mixed chaparral habitat on site is within a portion of chaparral situated adjacent to pre-existing agriculture operations (orchards). The 0.6 acre of granitic southern mixed chaparral is not a migratory wildlife corridor because the habitat ends to the south and east in an agricultural and rural residential area within the Pendleton/De Luz region. Therefore, it is not expected that the loss of 0.6 acre of granitic southern mixed chaparral on site and the subsequent purchase of 0.3 acre of chaparral habitat credits would result in the impedance of the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, the use of an established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, and/or the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

e)	Conflict with the provisions of any adopt Communities Conservation Plan, other conservation plan or any other local poliresources?	ved local, regional or state habitat	
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\checkmark$	Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

#### Discussion/Explanation:

Refer to the attached Ordinance Compliance Checklist dated February 21, 2008, for further information on consistency with any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan, including, Habitat Management Plans (HMP), Special Area Management Plans (SAMP), or any other local policies or ordinances that protect

biological resources including the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), Biological Mitigation Ordinance, Resource Protection Ordinance (RPO), Habitat Loss Permit (HLP).

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project will not preclude connectivity between areas of high habitat values because the grading of 0.6 acre of chaparral was surrounded by agriculture/orchards to the south, northeast, and east. The habitat loss will not preclude or prevent the preparation of the subregional NCCP because the project site is not located within an approved PAMA or regional linkage. The habitat loss has been minimized and mitigated to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with Section 4.3 of the NCCP Process Guidelines because the off site acquisition of 0.3 acre of chaparral habitat will mitigate for the permanent loss of habitat and contribute to regional habitat preservation at the Daley Ranch Conservation Bank. The habitat loss will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery of listed species in the wild because the granitic southern mixed chaparral habitat that was graded was a relatively small area adjacent to agricultural operations/orchards to the south, northeast, and east. The habitat loss was incidental to otherwise lawful activities. Refer to the attached Ordinance Compliance Checklist dated February 21, 2008 for further information on consistency with any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan, including, Habitat Management Plans (HMP) Special Area Management Plans (SAMP) or any other local policies or ordinances that protect biological resources including the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), Biological Mitigation Ordinance, Resource Protection Ordinance (RPO), Habitat Loss Permit (HLP).

#### V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project:

,		Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in 15064.5?				
		Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact		
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Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** Based on an analysis of County of San Diego archaeology resource files, archaeological records, maps, and aerial photographs by County of San Diego staff archaeologist, Gail Wright on August 9, 2007, it has been determined that the project site does not contain any historical resources. Therefore, the project would not result in impacts to historical resources.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to 15064.5?

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	Less Than Significant With Mitiga Incorporated	tion [	<b>V</b>	No Impact
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archaed archaed	act: Based on an analysis of Coulological records, maps, and aerial pologist, Gail Wright, on August 9, 2 as not contain any archaeological re	ohotogi 007, it	raphs has l	s by County of San Diego staff
c) [	Directly or indirectly destroy a uniqu	ue geol	logic	feature?
	Potentially Significant Impact	[		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitiga Incorporated	tion [	<b>V</b>	No Impact
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d) [	Directly or indirectly destroy a uniqu	ue pale	onto	logical resource or site?
	Potentially Significant Impact	[		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitiga Incorporated	tion [	<b>√</b>	No Impact
Discuss	sion/Explanation:			

**NO IMPACT:** A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES MAPS INDICATES THAT THE PROJECT IS LOCATED ENTIRELY ON PLUTONIC IGNEOUS ROCK AND HAS NO POTENTIAL FOR PRODUCING FOSSIL REMAINS.

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e) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?						
	Pote	ntially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
		Than Significant With Mitigation porated	$\checkmark$	No Impact		
Discuss	sion/E	xplanation:				
archaed archaed will not	<b>No Impact:</b> Based on an analysis of County of San Diego archaeology resource files, archaeological records, maps, and aerial photographs by County of San Diego staff archaeologist, Gail Wright, on August 9, 2007, it has been determined that the project will not disturb any human remains because the project site does not include a formal cemetery or any archaeological resources that might contain interred human remains.					
a) I	Expos	<b>SY AND SOILS</b> Would the project people or structures to potential loss, injury, or death involving:		antial adverse effects, including the		
i		Rupture of a known earthquake for Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Z for the area or based on other sul Refer to Division of Mines and Ge	oning bstant	Map issued by the State Geologist ial evidence of a known fault?		
	Pote	ntially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
		Than Significant With Mitigation porated	$\checkmark$	No Impact		
Discuss	sion/E	xplanation:				
<b>No Impact:</b> The project is not located in a fault rupture hazard zone identified by the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, Special Publication 42, Revised 1997, Fault-Rupture Hazards Zones in California, or located within any other area with substantial evidence of a known fault. Therefore, there will be no impact from the exposure of people or structures to adverse effects from a known hazard zone as a result of this project.						
i	ii.	Strong seismic ground shaking?				
	Pote	ntially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
		Than Significant With Mitigation	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact		

**No Impact:** The Uniform Building Code (UBC) and the California Building Code (CBC) classifies all San Diego County with the highest seismic zone criteria, Zone 4. However, the project is not located within 5 kilometers of the centerline of a known active-fault zone as defined within the Uniform Building Code's Maps of Known Active Fault Near-Source Zones in California. In addition, the project will have to conform to the Seismic Requirements -- Chapter 16 Section 162- Earthquake Design as outlined within the California Building Code. Section 162 requires a soils compaction report with proposed foundation recommendations to be approved by a County Structural Engineer before the issuance of a building or grading permit. Therefore, there will be no impact from the exposure of people or structures to potential adverse effects from strong seismic ground shaking as a result of this project.

iii.	Seismic-related ground failure, in	cludin	g liquefaction?		
☐ Poter	ntially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
1 1	Than Significant With Mitigation porated		No Impact		
Discussion/Ex	planation:				
<b>No Impact:</b> The geology of the project site is identified as Cretaceous Plutonic. This geologic environment is not susceptible to ground failure from seismic activity. In addition, the site is not underlain by poor artificial fill or located within a floodplain. Therefore, there will be no impact from the exposure of people to adverse effects from known area susceptible to ground failure.					
iv. l	Landslides?				
☐ Poter	ntially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
	Than Significant With Mitigation porated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact		
Discussion/Ex	planation:				

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No Impact: The site is not located within a landslide susceptibility zone. Also, the staff geologist has determined that the geologic environment of the project area has a low probability to be located within an area of potential or pre-existing conditions that could become unstable in the event of seismic activity.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

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	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact
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**Less Than Significant Impact**: According to the Soil Survey of San Diego County, the soils on-site are identified as Cieneba very rocky coarse sandy loam (CmrG) that has a soil erodibility rating of "severe" as indicated by the Soil Survey for the San Diego Area, prepared by the US Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation and Forest Service

dated December 1973. However, the project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil for the following reasons:

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• The project will not result in unprotected erodible soils; will not alter existing drainage patterns; is not located in a floodplain, wetland, or significant drainage feature.

- The project has prepared a Storm Water Management Plan dated March 20, 2008, prepared by Michael L. Benesh, R.C.E. The plan includes the following Best Management Practices to ensure sediment does not erode from the project site: stockpile management, solid waste management, gravel bag berms, material delivery and storage, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, and any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final approval.
- The project involves grading. However, the project is required to comply with the San Diego County Code of Regulations, Title 8, Zoning and Land Use Regulations, Division 7, Sections 87.414 (DRAINAGE - EROSION PREVENTION) and 87.417 (PLANTING). Compliance with these regulations minimizes the potential for water and wind erosion.

Due to these factors, it has been found that the project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil on a project level.

In addition, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact because all the of past, present and future projects included on the list of projects that involve grading or land disturbance are required to follow the requirements of the San Diego County Code of Regulations, Title 8, Zoning and Land Use Regulations, Division 7, Sections 87.414 (DRAINAGE - EROSION PREVENTION) and 87.417 (PLANTING); Order 2001-01 (NPDES No. CAS 0108758), adopted by the San Diego Region RWQCB on February 21, 2001; County Watershed Protection, Storm Water Management, and Discharge Control Ordinance (WPO) (Ord. No. 9424); and County Storm water Standards Manual adopted on February 20, 2002, and amended January 10, 2003 (Ordinance No. 9426). Refer to XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance for a comprehensive list of the projects considered.

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,	Will the project produce unstable geolo impacts resulting from landslides, later collapse?	_				
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact			
Discus	sion/Explanation:					
unstab conduc were n	<b>No Impact:</b> The project is not located on or near geological formations that are unstable or would potentially become unstable as a result of the project. On a review conducted by Jarrett Ramaiya on August 9, 2007, no geological formations or features were noted that would produce unstable geological conditions as a result of the project. For further information refer to VI Geology and Soils, Question a., i-iv listed above.					
,	Be located on expansive soil, as define Code (1994), creating substantial risks		•			
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact			
Discus	sion/Explanation:					
the Uni sandy I substai risk to I Diego	<b>No Impact:</b> The project does not contain expansive soils as defined by Table 18-I-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994). The soils on-site are Cieneba very rocky coarse sandy loam (CmrG). These soils have a shrink-swell behavior of low and represent no substantial risks to life or property. Therefore, the project will not create a substantial risk to life or property. This was confirmed by staff review of the Soil Survey for the San Diego Area, prepared by the US Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation and Forest Service dated December 1973.					
,	Have soils incapable of adequately supal alternative wastewater disposal syster disposal of wastewater?		•			
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact			
Discus	Discussion/Explanation:					

**No Impact:** The project is for an agricultural orchard. The project does not propose any septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems since no wastewater will be generated.

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a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials or wastes?					
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**No Impact:** The proposed project is not within one mile of a private airstrip. As a result, the project will not constitute a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area.

g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?			
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact	

Discussion/Explanation:

The following sections summarize the project's consistency with applicable emergency response plans or emergency evacuation plans.

i. OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY PLAN:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The Operational Area Emergency Plan is a framework document that provides direction to local jurisdictions to develop specific operational area of San Diego County. It provides guidance for emergency planning and requires subsequent plans to be established by each jurisdiction that has responsibilities in a disaster situation. The project will not interfere with this plan because it will not prohibit subsequent plans from being established.

ii. SAN DIEGO COUNTY NUCLEAR POWER STATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

**No Impact:** The San Diego County Nuclear Power Station Emergency Response Plan will not be interfered with by the project due to the location of the project, plant and the specific requirements of the plan. The emergency plan for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station includes an emergency planning zone within a 10-mile radius. All land area within 10 miles of the plant is not within the jurisdiction of the unincorporated County and as such a project in the unincorporated area is not expected to interfere with any response or evacuation.

#### iii. OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY ELEMENT

**No Impact:** The Oil Spill Contingency Element will not be interfered with because the project is not located along the coastal zone or coastline.

iv. EMERGENCY WATER CONTINGENCIES ANNEX AND ENERGY SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

**No Impact:** The Emergency Water Contingencies Annex and Energy Shortage Response Plan will not be interfered with because the project does not propose altering major water or energy supply infrastructure, such as the California Aqueduct.

v. DAM EVACUATION PLAN

**No Impact:** The Dam Evacuation Plan will not be interfered with because the project is located outside a dam inundation zone.

h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or dea wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized a where residences are intermixed with wildlands?			djacent to urbanized areas or	
		Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

Less Than Significant Impact: The proposed project is adjacent to wildlands that have the potential to support wildland fires. However, the project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires because the project will comply with the regulations relating to emergency access, water supply, and defensible space specified in the Consolidated Fire Code for the 17 Fire Protection Districts in San Diego County and Appendix II-A, as adopted and amended by the local fire protection district. Implementation of these fire safety standards will occur during the grading permit process and the proposed project would involve irrigated agriculture. Also, a review by Ed Hayman, Department of Planning and Land Use Fire Marshal on August 9, 2007, the proposed project does not involve habitable space or structures and therefore, does not require additional review. Therefore, based on the review of the project by County staff, through compliance with the Consolidated Fire Code and Appendix II-A and through compliance with the review of the DPLU fire marshal, the project is not anticipated to expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving hazardous wildland fires. Moreover, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact, because all past, present and future projects in the surrounding area are required to comply with the Consolidated Fire Code and Appendix II-A.

i) Propose a use, or place residents adjacent to an existing or reasonably foreseeable use that would substantially increase current or future resident's exposure to vectors, including mosquitoes, rats or flies, which are capable of transmitting significant public health diseases or nuisances?

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	Potentially Significant Impact			Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	itigation		No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
<b>No Impact:</b> The project does not involve or support uses that allow water to stand for a period of 72 hours (3 days) or more (e.g. artificial lakes, agricultural irrigation ponds). Also, the project does not involve or support uses that will produce or collect animal waste, such as equestrian facilities, agricultural operations (chicken coops, dairies etc.), solid waste facility or other similar uses. Moreover, based on a review conducted by Jarrett Ramaiya on August 9, 2007, there are none of these uses on adjacent properties. Therefore, the project will not substantially increase current or future resident's exposure to vectors, including mosquitoes, rats or flies.					
	<u>/DROLOGY AND WATER QU</u> /iolate any waste discharge re			d the project:	
	Potentially Significant Impact		<b>V</b>	Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	itigation		No Impact	

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project proposes to permit previous grading activities for an agriculture use which requires NPDES permits. The project applicant has provided a copy of a Stormwater Management Plan which demonstrates that the project will comply with all requirements of the RWQCB. The project site proposes and will be required to implement the following site design measures and/or source control BMPs and/or treatment control BMPs to reduce potential pollutants to the maximum extent practicable from entering storm water runoff: stockpile management, solid waste management, gravel bag berms, material delivery and storage, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, and any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final approval. These measures will enable the project to meet waste discharge requirements as required by the Land-Use Planning for New Development and Redevelopment Component of the San Diego Municipal Permit (SDRWQCB Order No. 2001-01), as implemented by the San Diego County Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) and Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP).

Finally, the project's conformance to the waste discharge requirements listed above ensures the project will not create cumulatively considerable water quality impacts

related to waste discharge because, through the permit, the project will conform to Countywide watershed standards in the JURMP and SUSMP, derived from State regulation to address human health and water quality concerns. Therefore, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact to water quality from waste discharges.

b)	Is the project tributary to an already imp Water Act Section 303(d) list? If so, cou pollutant for which the water body is alre	uld the	project result in an increase in any
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

Less Than Significant Impact: The project lies in the De Luz hydrologic subarea, within the 902 (Santa Margarita) hydrologic unit. According to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list, July 2003, portions of this watershed, including Rainbow Creek and Santa Margarita Lagoon are impaired for eutrophication. Constituents of concern in the Santa Margarita watershed include Nitrate (surface and groundwater), sediment, coliform bacteria, and TDS in groundwater.

The project proposes the following activities that are associated with these pollutants: there will be soil-disturbing activities that will result in exposed soil areas which include minor grading and trenching, there may be stockpiling (soil, compost, asphalt concrete, solid waste) for over 24 hours, there will be temporary on-site storage of construction materials, including mortar mix, raw landscaping and soil stabilization materials, treated lumbar, rebar, and plated metal fencing materials, and there might be trash generated from the project. However, the following site design measures and/or source control BMPs and/or treatment control BMPs will be employed such that potential pollutants will be reduced in any runoff to the maximum extent practicable so as not to increase the level of these pollutants in receiving waters: stockpile management, solid waste management, gravel bag berms, material delivery and storage, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, and any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final approval.

The proposed BMPs are consistent with regional surface water and storm water planning and permitting process that has been established to improve the overall water quality in County watersheds. As a result the project will not contribute to a cumulative impact to an already impaired water body, as listed on the Clean Water Act Section

303(d). Regional surface water and storm water permitting regulation for County of San Diego, Incorporated Cities of San Diego County, and San Diego Unified Port District includes the following: Order 2001-01 (NPDES No. CAS 0108758), adopted by the San Diego Region RWQCB on February 21, 2001; County Watershed Protection, Storm Water Management, and Discharge Control Ordinance (WPO) (Ord. No. 9424); County Storm water Standards Manual adopted on February 20, 2002, and amended January 10, 2003 (Ordinance No. 9426). The stated purposes of these ordinances are to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the County of San Diego residents; to protect water resources and to improve water quality; to cause the use of management practices by the County and its citizens that will reduce the adverse effects of polluted runoff discharges on waters of the state; to secure benefits from the use of storm water as a resource; and to ensure the County is compliant with applicable state and federal laws. Ordinance No. 9424 (WPO) has discharge prohibitions, and requirements that vary depending on type of land use activity and location in the County. Ordinance No. 9426 is Appendix A of Ordinance No. 9424 (WPO) and sets out in more detail, by project category, what Dischargers must do to comply with the Ordinance and to receive permits for projects and activities that are subject to the Ordinance. Collectively, these regulations establish standards for projects to follow which intend to improve water quality from headwaters to the deltas of each watershed in the County. Each project subject to WPO is required to prepare a Storm water Management Plan that details a project's pollutant discharge contribution to a given watershed and propose BMPs or design measures to mitigate any impacts that may occur in the watershed.

c) Could the proposed project cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses?

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	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
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**Less Than Significant Impact:** The Regional Water Quality Control Board has designated water quality objectives for waters of the San Diego Region as outlined in Chapter 3 of the Water Quality Control Plan (Plan). The water quality objectives are necessary to protect the existing and potential beneficial uses of each hydrologic unit as described in Chapter 2 of the Plan.

The project lies in the De Luz hydrologic subarea, within the 902 Santa Margarita hydrologic unit that has the following existing and potential beneficial uses for inland surface waters, coastal waters, reservoirs and lakes, and ground water: municipal and domestic supply; agricultural supply; industrial process supply; industrial service supply; groundwater recharge; contact water recreation; non-contact water recreation; warm freshwater habitat; cold freshwater habitat; wildlife habitat; estuarine habitat; marine habitat; migration of aquatic organisms; and, rare, threatened, or endangered species habitat.

The project proposes the following potential sources of polluted runoff: there will be soildisturbing activities that will result in exposed soil areas which include minor grading and trenching, there may be stockpiling (soil, compost, asphalt concrete, solid waste) for over 24 hours, there will be temporary on-site storage of construction materials, including mortar mix, raw landscaping and soil stabilization materials, treated lumbar, rebar, and plated metal fencing materials, and there might be trash generated from the project. However, the following site design measures and/or source control BMPs and/or treatment control BMPs will be employed to reduce potential pollutants in runoff to the maximum extent practicable, such that the proposed project will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses: stockpile management, solid waste management, gravel bag berms, material delivery and storage, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, and any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final approval.

In addition, the proposed BMPs are consistent with regional surface water, storm water and groundwater planning and permitting process that has been established to improve the overall water quality in County watersheds. As a result, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses. Refer

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to Secti	on VIII., Hydrology and Water	Quality, Qu	esti	on b, for more information on	
regiona	I surface water and storm wate	r planning	and	permitting process.	
, () 6	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of preexisting nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
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<b>No Impact:</b> The project will obtain its water supply from the Fallbrook Public Utility Water District that obtains water from surface reservoirs or other imported water source. The project will not use any groundwater for any purpose, including irrigation, domestic or commercial demands. In addition, the project does not involve operations that would interfere substantially with groundwater recharge including, but not limited to the following: the project does not involve regional diversion of water to another groundwater basin; or diversion or channelization of a stream course or waterway with impervious layers, such as concrete lining or culverts, for substantial distances (e.g. ½ mile). These activities and operations can substantially affect rates of groundwater recharge. Therefore, no impact to groundwater resources is anticipated.					
t	e) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
	Potentially Significant Impact	5	Ø	Less than Significant Impact	

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Less Than Significant With Mitigation

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project proposes to permit grading activities for an agricultural orchard. As outlined in the Storm water Management Plan (SWMP) dated March 20, 2008, and prepared by Michael L. Benesh, R.C.E., the project will implement the following site design measures, source control, and/or treatment control BMPs to reduce potential pollutants, including sediment from erosion or siltation, to the maximum extent practicable from entering storm water runoff: stockpile management, solid waste

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management, gravel bag berms, material delivery and storage, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, and any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final approval. These measures will control erosion and sedimentation and satisfy waste discharge requirements as required by the Land-Use Planning for New Development and Redevelopment Component of the San Diego Municipal Permit (SDRWQCB Order No. 2001-01), as implemented by the San Diego County Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) and Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP). The SWMP specifies and describes the implementation process of all BMPs that will address equipment operation and materials management, prevent the erosion process from occurring, and prevent sedimentation in any onsite and downstream drainage swales. The Department of Public Works will ensure that the Plan is implemented as proposed. Due to these factors, it has been found that the project will not result in significantly increased erosion or sedimentation potential and will not alter any drainage patterns of the site or area on- or off-site. In addition, because erosion and sedimentation will be controlled within the boundaries of the project, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact. For further information on soil erosion refer to VI., Geology and Soils, Question b.

f)	t	Substantially alter the existing drainage hrough the alteration of the course of a he rate or amount of surface runoff in a on- or off-site?	strea	m or river, or substantially increase
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**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project will not significantly alter established drainage patterns or significantly increase the amount of runoff for the following reasons, based on a Drainage Study prepared by Michael Benesh, RCE dated March 20, 2008:

Drainage will be conveyed to either natural drainage channels or approved drainage facilities.

Therefore, the project will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding onor off-site. Moreover, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable alteration or a drainage pattern or increase in the rate or amount of runoff, because the project will substantially increase water surface elevation or runoff exiting the site, as detailed above.

g)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems?			
		Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact
Di	scuss	sion/Explanation:		
<b>Less Than Significant Impact</b> : The project does not propose to create or contribute runoff water that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems.				
h)	h) Provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?			
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		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

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**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project proposes the following potential sources of polluted runoff: there will be soil-disturbing activities that will result in exposed soil areas which include minor grading and trenching, there may be stockpiling (soil, compost, asphalt concrete, solid waste) for over 24 hours, there will be temporary on-site storage of construction materials, including mortar mix, raw landscaping and soil stabilization materials, treated lumbar, rebar, and plated metal fencing materials, and there might be trash generated from the project. However, the following site design measures and/or source control BMPs and/or treatment control BMPs will be employed such that potential pollutants will be reduced in runoff to the maximum extent practicable: stockpile management, solid waste management, gravel bag berms, material delivery and storage, spill prevention and control, concrete waste management, and any minor slopes created incidental to construction and not subject to a major or minor grading permit shall be protected by covering with plastic or tarp prior to a rain event, and shall have vegetative cover reestablished within 180 days of completion of the slope and prior to final approval. Refer to VIII Hydrology and Water Quality Questions a, b, c, for further information.

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Í	9	ance Rate M	area as mapped on a federal Flood ap or other flood hazard delineation	
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mit Incorporated	igation 🗹	No Impact	
Discus	sion/Explanation:			
-	<b>pact:</b> No FEMA mapped floodpled on the project site; therefore,		•	
• /	Place within a 100-year flood ha redirect flood flows?	zard area str	uctures which would impede or	
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mit Incorporated	igation 🗹	No Impact	
Discus	sion/Explanation:			
•	<b>pact:</b> No 100-year flood hazard re, no impact will occur.	areas were i	dentified on the project site;	
	Expose people or structures to a flooding, including flooding as a		sk of loss, injury or death involving failure of a levee or dam?	
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mit Incorporated	igation 🗹	No Impact	
Discussion/Explanation:				
<b>No Impact:</b> The project site lies outside any identified special flood hazard area including a mapped dam inundation area for a major dam/reservoir within San Diego County. In addition, the project is not located immediately downstream of a minor dam that could potentially flood the property. Therefore, the project will not expose people to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding.				

I) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

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	Potentially Significant Impact			Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	litigation	$\checkmark$	No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
i. §	SEICHE				
-	act: The project site is not looe, could not be inundated by a		g the	shoreline of a lake or reservoir;	
ii. T	SUNAMI				
•	act: The project site is locate f a tsunami, would not be inun		an a n	nile from the coast; therefore, in the	
iii. N	MUDFLOW				
<b>No Impact:</b> Mudflow is type of landslide. The site is not located within a landslide susceptibility zone. The geologic environment of the project area has a low probability to be located within an area of potential or pre-existing conditions that could become unstable in the event of seismic activity. In addition, though the project does propose land disturbance that will expose unprotected soils, the project is not located downstream from unprotected, exposed soils within a landslide susceptibility zone. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the project will expose people or property to inundation due to a mudflow.					
	ND USE AND PLANNING V Physically divide an establishe			et:	
	Potentially Significant Impact	:		Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	litigation	$\checkmark$	No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
<b>No Impact:</b> The project does not propose the introducing new infrastructure such major roadways or water supply systems, or utilities to the area. Therefore, the proposed project will not significantly disrupt or divide the established community.					

b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

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	Potentially Significant Impact		$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	litigation		No Impact
Discuss	sion/Explanation:			
Use Electric Designate Designate Project The protocolor The protocolor and wholesa	ement Policy 1.3 (EDA) Estate ation 17 (Estate Residential). e agricultural uses are anticipation that provides for minor agis subject to the policies of the posed project is consistent will perty is zoned A70 (Limited Ad field crops, packing and procession of the policies of the posed project is consistent will perty is zoned A70 (Limited Ad field crops, packing and process).	Developr The projected by the gricultural of the (Pendleto th the policy of the pricultural of the project of the project of the Ponice of the	nent A ct is c e 17 (l and lo on-De icies c l) whice mited, ng Oro	ow density residential uses. The Luz) Fallbrook Community Plan. of the Fallbrook Community Plan. ch permits horticulture, tree crops, and packing and processing: dinance Section 2702; therefore,
a) F	ERAL RESOURCES Would Result in the loss of availability value to the region and the res	of a know	vn mir	neral resource that would be of ate?
	Potentially Significant Impact	:	$\checkmark$	Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With M	litigation		No loss set

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Less Than Significant Impact: The lands within the project site do not have a Mineral Land Classification from the California Department of Conservation – Division of Mines and Geology (Update of Mineral Land Classification: Aggregate Materials in the Western San Diego Production-Consumption Region, 1997); but the site is located within an alluvial river valley that has a significant source of replenishment or is underlain by coastal marine/non-marine granular deposits. Staff geologist Jim Bennett has reviewed the site's geologic environment and has determined that this resource is not a significant loss of availability of a known mineral resource of value to the region and the residents of the state for the following reasons: the agricultural use would not affect the potential for any future resource recovery due to no impervious surface or major extraction of soil. Moreover, if the resources are not considered significant mineral deposits, loss of these resources cannot contribute to a potentially significant cumulative impact.

No Impact

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b) Result in the loss of availability site delineated on a local general			c plan or other land use plan?
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitigatio Incorporated	n 🗹	No Impact
Discus	sion/Explanation:		
<b>No Impact:</b> The project site is zoned A70 (Limited Agricultural), which is not considered to be an Extractive Use Zone (S-82) nor does it have an Impact Sensitive Land Use Designation (24) with an Extractive Land Use Overlay (25) (County Land Use Element, 2000).			
a) I	PISE Would the project result in: Exposure of persons to or generation established in the local general plan o of other agencies?		
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitigatio Incorporated	n 🗆	No Impact

Less Than Significant Impact: The project is to permit grading activities associated with an agricultural use and will be utilized by workers. Based on a review completed by Jarrett Ramaiya on August 9, 2007, the surrounding area supports residential and agricultural uses and is occupied by residents. The project will not expose people to potentially significant noise levels that exceed the allowable limits of the County of San Diego General Plan, County of San Diego Noise Ordinance, and other applicable standards for the following reasons:

#### General Plan – Noise Element

The County of San Diego General Plan, Noise Element, Policy 4b addresses noise sensitive areas and requires an acoustical study to be prepared for any use that may expose noise sensitive areas to noise in excess of a Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) of 60 decibels (dBA). Moreover, if the project is excess of CNEL 60 dB(A), modifications must be made to the project to reduce noise levels. Noise sensitive areas include residences, hospitals, schools, libraries or similar facilities where quiet is an important attribute. Project implementation is not expected to expose existing or planned noise sensitive areas to road, airport, heliport, railroad, industrial or other noise in excess of the CNEL 60 dB(A). This is based on staff's review of projected County noise contour maps (CNEL 60 dB(A) contours) and/or review by County Noise

Specialist Emmet Aquino on August 9, 2007. Therefore, the project will not expose people to potentially significant noise levels that exceed the allowable limits of the County of San Diego General Plan, Noise Element.

## Noise Ordinance – Section 36-404

Non-transportation noise generated by the project is not expected to exceed the standards of the County of San Diego Noise Ordinance (Section 36-404) at or beyond the project's property line. The site is zoned A70 (Limited Agricultural) that has a one-hour average sound limit of 50 dBA from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 45 dBA from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. The adjacent properties are zoned A70 and have one-hour average sound limit of 50 dBA from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 45 dBA from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Based on review by staff, the project's noise levels are not anticipated to impact adjoining properties or exceed County Noise Standards, which is 50 dBA, because the project does not involve any noise producing equipment that would exceed applicable noise levels at the adjoining property line.

## Noise Ordinance – Section 36-410

The project will not generate construction noise that may exceed the standards of the County of San Diego Noise Ordinance (Section 36-410). Construction operations will occur only during permitted hours of operation pursuant to Section 36-410. Also, It is not anticipated that the project will operate construction equipment in excess of an average sound level of 75dB between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM.

Finally, the project's conformance to the County of San Diego General Plan (Noise Element, Policy 4b) and County of San Diego Noise Ordinance (Section 36-404 and 36.410) ensures the project will not create cumulatively considerable noise impacts, because the project will not exceed the local noise standards for noise sensitive areas; and the project will not exceed the applicable noise level limits at the property line or construction noise limits, derived from State regulation to address human health and quality of life concerns. Therefore, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable exposure of persons or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan, noise ordinance, and applicable standards of other agencies.

b)	Exposure of persons to or generation of groundborne noise levels?	exces	ssive groundborne vibration or
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project does not propose any of the following land uses that can be impacted by groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels.

- 1. Buildings where low ambient vibration is essential for interior operation, including research and manufacturing facilities with special vibration constraints.
- 2. Residences and buildings where people normally sleep including hotels, hospitals, residences and where low ambient vibration is preferred.
- 3. Civic and institutional land uses including schools, churches, libraries, other institutions, and quiet office where low ambient vibration is preferred.
- 4. Concert halls for symphonies or other special use facilities where low ambient vibration is preferred.

Also, the project does not propose any major, new or expanded infrastructure such as mass transit, highways or major roadways or intensive extractive industry that could generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels on-site or in the surrounding area.

c)	A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicin above levels existing without the project?			
		Potentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact
		Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

Less Than Significant Impact: The project involves the following permanent noise sources that may increase the ambient noise level: farm equipment. As indicated in the response listed under Section XI Noise, Question a., the project would not expose existing or planned noise sensitive areas in the vicinity to a substantial permanent increase in noise levels that exceed the allowable limits of the County of San Diego General Plan, County of San Diego Noise Ordinance, and other applicable local, State, and Federal noise control. Also, the project is not expected to expose existing or planned noise sensitive areas to noise 10 dB CNEL over existing ambient noise levels based on review of the project by County staff. Studies completed by the Organization of Industry Standards (ISO 362; ISO 1996 1-3; ISO 3095; and ISO 3740-3747) state an increase of 10 dB is perceived as twice as loud and is perceived as a significant increase in the ambient noise level.

The project will not result in cumulatively noise impacts because a list of past, present and future projects within in the vicinity were evaluated. It was determined that the project in combination with a list of past, present and future project would not expose existing or planned noise sensitive areas to noise 10 dB CNEL over existing ambient noise levels. Refer to XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance for a comprehensive list of the projects considered.

d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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	Potentially Significant Impac	t	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Macorporated	/litigation		No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
substar includin that inv	ntial temporary or periodic including but not limited to extractive	reases in a industry; o grinding,	mbier outdoc or blas	ot involve any uses that may create nt noise levels in the project vicinity or commercial or industrial uses sting of raw materials; truck depots, systems.	
of the C State re operation 410. All excess project	Also, general construction noise is not expected to exceed the construction noise limits of the County of San Diego Noise Ordinance (Section 36-410), which are derived from State regulations to address human health and quality of life concerns. Construction operations will occur only during permitted hours of operation pursuant to Section 36-410. Also, it is not anticipated that the project will operate construction equipment in excess of 75 dB for more than an 8 hours during a 24-hour period. Therefore, the project would not result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in existing ambient noise levels in the project vicinity.				
r t	not been adopted, within two ເ	miles of a p	oublic	e plan or, where such a plan has airport or public use airport, would in the project area to excessive	
	Potentially Significant Impac	t		Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mincorporated	/litigation	$\checkmark$	No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
Plan (C Therefo	No Impact: The proposed project is not located within a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) for airports or within 2 miles of a public airport or public use airport. Therefore, the project will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive airport-related noise levels.				
,	For a project within the vicinity beople residing or working in t	•		strip, would the project expose to excessive noise levels?	
	Potentially Significant Impac	t		Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With M	/litigation	V	No Impact	

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Discuss	sion/Explanation:			
airstrip;		expose pec		in a one-mile vicinity of a private residing or working in the project
a) I	prulation and Housing of the name of the n	growth in ar sinesses) or	n area	a, either directly (for example, by
	Potentially Significant Impact	<u>.</u> [		Less than Significant Impact
Discuss	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated sion/Explanation:	litigation	<b>V</b>	No Impact
area be would r limited comme convers Genera	ecause the project does not project does	opose any purage popuded infrastr ge-scale resor multi-fami olan amendi	ohysi latior uctur sident ily us ment	n growth in an area including, but re or public facilities; new
,	Displace substantial numbers of replacement housing elsewless		nousi	ng, necessitating the construction
	Potentially Significant Impact	t I		Less than Significant Impact

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**No Impact:** The proposed project will not displace any existing housing since the site is currently vacant.

No Impact

c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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	Potentially Sign	ificant Impact		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Sign Incorporated	ificant With Mitigation		No Impact
Discus	sion/Explanation:			
•	pact: The proposite he site is currently		lace a	substantial number of people
a)	the provision of n physically altered significant environ response times o	result in substantial ac ew or physically altered governmental facilities nmental impacts, in ord	d gove s, the d der to d ervice	e physical impacts associated with ernmental facilities, need for new or construction of which could cause maintain acceptable service ratios, ratios, response times or other ervices:
	i. Fire protectii. Police profiii. Schools? iv. Parks? v. Other publ			
	Potentially Sign	ificant Impact		Less than Significant Impact
	Less Than Sign Incorporated	ificant With Mitigation	$\checkmark$	No Impact
Dicous	cion/Evalenction:			

**No Impact:** Based on the information received for the project, the proposed project will not result in the need for significantly altered services or facilities. Existing services are available to the project from the following agencies/district: Fallbrook Public Utility District. The project does not involve the construction of new or physically altered governmental facilities including but not limited to fire protection facilities, sheriff facilities, schools, or parks in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance service ratios or objectives for any public services. Therefore, the project will not have an adverse physical effect on the environment because the project does not require new or significantly altered services or facilities to be constructed.

## XIV. RECREATION

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

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	Potentially Significant Impact			Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mit Incorporated	igation	$\checkmark$	No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
a reside that ma		ark, or c	onstr	ential use, included but not limited to uction for a single-family residence and regional parks or other	
É	Does the project include recreat expansion of recreational facilities on the environment?			or require the construction or it have an adverse physical effect	
	Potentially Significant Impact			Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mit Incorporated	igation	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
constru	<b>No Impact:</b> The project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. Therefore, the construction or expansion of recreational facilities cannot have an adverse physical effect on the environment.				
a) (	ANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC Cause an increase in traffic which coad and capacity of the street seither the number of vehicle trips congestion at intersections)?	ch is sub ystem (i.	stanti e., re	al in relation to the existing traffic sult in a substantial increase in	
	Potentially Significant Impact			Less than Significant Impact	
	Less Than Significant With Mit Incorporated	igation	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact	
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				

**No Impact**: The project does not propose any additional ADTs; therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system.

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k (	by the County congestion management	ent agend	evel of service standard established by and/or as identified by the ee Program for designated roads or		
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	on 🗹	No Impact		
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
project	pact: The project does not propose a will have no direct or cumulative imposed by shed by the County congestion manalys.	oact on th	e level of service standard		
,	Result in a change in air traffic patter evels or a change in location that re	•	•		
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
	Less Than Significant With Mitigati Incorporated	on 🗹	No Impact		
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
not loca	<b>No Impact:</b> The proposed project is located outside of an Airport Influence Area and is not located within two miles of a public or public use airport; therefore, the project will not result in a change in air traffic patterns.				
,	stantially increase hazards due to a gerous intersections) or incompatible	_	. •		
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	on 🗹	No Impact		
Discuss	sion/Explanation:				
incomp	pact: The proposed project will not a atible uses (e.g., farm equipment) or slopes or walls which impedes adec	n existing	roadways, or create or place		

e)

Result in inadequate emergency access?

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	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact			
Discuss	sion/Explanation:					
DPLU F adequa	<b>Pact:</b> The proposed project will not result in the proposed the proposed the proposed the emergency fire access. Additionally, site are up to County standards.	l proje	ct and has determined that there is			
f) F	Result in inadequate parking capacity?					
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact			
Discuss	sion/Explanation:					
project vehicles	<b>No Impact</b> : No on-site or off-site parking is required or proposed. The proposed project is a grading permit for an agricultural use, which has existing parking areas for vehicles and associated farm equipment. Thus, parking will not result in an insufficient capacity on-site or off-site.					
• /	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or ransportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle		•			
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact			
Discuss	sion/Explanation:					
<b>No Impact:</b> The proposed project is a grading permit for an agricultural use. The implementation will not result in any construction or new road design features; therefore will not conflict with policies regarding alternative transportation.						
a) E	TILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS Exceed wastewater treatment requiremed Quality Control Board?					
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact			
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	$\overline{\checkmark}$	No Impact			

No Impact

Less Than Significant With Mitigation

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**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project requires water service from the Fallbrook Public Utility District. The Fallbrook Public Utility District has indicated adequate water resources and entitlements are available to serve the requested water resources. Therefore, the project will have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project.

e)	Result in a determination by the wastew may serve the project that it has adequate projected demand in addition to the provential of the p	ate ca	pacity to serve the project's		
	Potentially Significant Impact		Less than Significant Impact		
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	$\checkmark$	No Impact		
Discu	ssion/Explanation:				
not pi	<b>No Impact:</b> The proposed project for a grading permit for an agricultural use and will not produce any wastewater; therefore, the project will not interfere with any wastewater treatment providers service capacity.				
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient pe project's solid waste disposal needs?	rmitte	d capacity to accommodate the		
	Potentially Significant Impact	$\checkmark$	Less than Significant Impact		
	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact		

Discussion/Explanation:

Less Than Significant Impact: Implementation of the project will generate solid waste. All solid waste facilities, including landfills require solid waste facility permits to operate. In San Diego County, the County Department of Environmental Health, Local Enforcement Agency issues solid waste facility permits with concurrence from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) under the authority of the Public Resources Code (Sections 44001-44018) and California Code of Regulations Title 27, Division 2, Subdivision 1, Chapter 4 (Section 21440et seq.). There are five, permitted active landfills in San Diego County with remaining capacity. Therefore, there is sufficient existing permitted solid waste capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs.

g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

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	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	litigation		No Impact
Discuss	sion/Explanation:			
All soli Ir Enfo Califo Public Title 2 depos XVII. M a) [	Id waste facilities, including large and san Diego County, the County of	ndfills requity Departing waste factoring the Market And 1-440 Chapter 4 If solid was futes and in the Market of a fish was elf-suspectantially or animal of the Market Andrews elf-suspectantially elf-suspectantiall	ire soment of the second of th	the quality of the environment, dlife species, cause a fish or g levels, threaten to eliminate a ce the number or restrict the range ninate important examples of the
	Potentially Significant Impact	i.		Less than Significant Impact
$\checkmark$	Less Than Significant With M Incorporated	litigation		No Impact
D:				

Per the instructions for evaluating environmental impacts in this Initial Study, the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory were considered in the response to each question in sections IV and V of this form. In addition to project specific impacts, this evaluation considered the projects potential for significant cumulative effects. Resources that have been evaluated as significant would be potentially impacted by the project, particularly biology. However, mitigation has been included that clearly reduces these effects to a level below significance. This mitigation includes 0.3 acre of chaparral habitat credit to be secured in a mitigation bank approved by the California Department of Fish & Game (located at the Daley Ranch Conservation Bank.) As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that, after mitigation, significant effects associated with this project would result. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

b)	í í	Does the project have impacts that are iconsiderable? ("Cumulatively consideral project are considerable when viewed projects, the effects of other current projects)?	ole" m in cor	eans that the incremental effects of nection with the effects of past	
	]	Potentially Significant Impact	$\checkmark$	Less than Significant Impact	
	]	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated		No Impact	
Discu	SS	sion/Explanation:			
	The following list of past, present and future projects were considered and evaluated as a part of this Initial Study:				

PROJECT NAME	PERMIT/MAP NUMBER
Administrative Permit	AD 02-063
Tentative Parcel Map	TPM 20728

Per the instructions for evaluating environmental impacts in this Initial Study, the potential for adverse cumulative effects were considered in the response to each question in sections I through XVI of this form. In addition to project specific impacts, this evaluation considered the projects potential for incremental effects that are cumulatively considerable. As a result of this evaluation, there were determined to be potentially significant cumulative effects related to biology. However, mitigation has been included that clearly reduces these cumulative effects to a level below significance. This mitigation includes 0.3 acre of chaparral habitat credit to be secured in a mitigation bank approved by the California Department of Fish & Game, located at the Daley Ranch Conservation Bank. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that, after mitigation, there are cumulative effects associated with this project. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

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c)		Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?			
	Po	otentially Significant Impact	$\overline{\checkmark}$	Less than Significant Impact	
		ess Than Significant With Mitigation corporated		No Impact	

Discussion/Explanation:

In the evaluation of environmental impacts in this Initial Study, the potential for adverse direct or indirect impacts to human beings were considered in the response to certain questions in sections I. Aesthetics, III. Air Quality, VI. Geology and Soils, VII. Hazards

and Hazardous Materials, VIII Hydrology and Water Quality XI. Noise, XII. Population and Housing, and XV. Transportation and Traffic. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that there are adverse effects on human beings associated with this project. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

# XVIII. REFERENCES USED IN THE COMPLETION OF THE INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

All references to Federal, State and local regulation are available on the Internet. For Federal regulation refer to <a href="http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/">http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/</a>. For State regulation refer to <a href="http://www.amlegal.com">www.leginfo.ca.gov</a>. For County regulation refer to <a href="http://www.amlegal.com">www.amlegal.com</a>. All other references are available upon request.

Stormwater Management Plan for Priority Projects, dated March 20, 2008., and prepared by Michael L. Benesh.

Drainage Study, dated March 20, 2008, and prepared by Michael L. Benesh.

Biological Resource Report, dated March 25, 2008, and prepared by Gretchen Cummings.

#### **AESTHETICS**

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County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use. The Zoning Ordinance of San Diego County. Sections 5200-5299; 5700-5799; 5900-5910, 6322-6326. ((<a href="https://www.co.san-diego.ca.us">www.co.san-diego.ca.us</a>)

County of San Diego, Board Policy I-73: Hillside Development Policy. (www.co.san-diego.ca.us)

County of San Diego, Board Policy I-104: Policy and Procedures for Preparation of Community Design Guidelines, Section 396.10 of the County Administrative Code and Section 5750 et seq. of the County Zoning Ordinance. (<a href="https://www.co.san-diego.ca.us">www.co.san-diego.ca.us</a>)

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